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A POSITION DEFENDED.

In a communication in the Evening
World, W. W. Berkeley, Esq., takes
issue with the editorial in THE TIMES of
December 24, which concluded thus:

"No one in Roanoke should be willing
to have the Hustings Court, which is
distinctly the court of Roanoke, made
of secondary rank to a circuit court,
which would not be distinctively a Roanoke
court."

Mr. Berkeley seems to hold that such
a circuit court would not be higher
dignity than the Hustings Court. THE
TIMES adheres to its editorial of the
24th. The Hustings Court is of the
same rank as a county court, and there-
fore of inferior dignity to a court hav-
ing larger territorial jurisdiction. There
is grave doubt if the legislature
would establish a circuit court for
Roanoke city alone, and one including
a larger territory than Roanoke city
would not be distinctively a Roanoke
court.

Again, Mr. Berkeley states that if a
criminal court were established accord-
ing to Judge King's suggestion, and the
course pursued as proposed by Judge
King, "it is certain that no decision of
the court of appeals could be obtained
before next June." THE TIMES believes
that Mr. Berkeley will not maintain this
position after a second examination of
the point. The court of appeals would
give an immediate decision on a writ of
prohibition, or THE TIMES is misin-
formed regarding the method of pro-
cedure of that tribunal.

FEELING AGAINST.

The Chilian difficulty is approaching
a crisis. Chili must either apologize or
fight. If she apologizes it will be with
ill grace, and in a half-hearted manner.
She may not apologize at all. If she
doesn't the United States has got to go
down there and smash things up, with
something of the internal qualms that a
conscientious bull would have in attack-
ing a nest of hornets.

Yes, we would whip Chili, but after
she was whipped it wouldn't have been
much of a fight, or much glory in it.
She is a cantankerous little varmint,
but the Baltimore affair should be coldly
judged. The sailors of the Baltimore
were roistering in a disreputable portion
of Valparaiso and got into a row, were
undoubtedly the victims of a mob and
the mob was aided by the police rather
than restrained.

If Chili shows proper respect for the
uniform the sailors wore, the Govern-
ment at Washington cannot afford to go
into the fighting business because Chi-
li makes up a face while she eats the
crow.

Feeling Against Dooley.

The feeling among the members of
the police force against Jeff Dooley, the
negro who assaulted Officer Mabry, is
naturally very strong, and several of
the policemen have expressed the
opinion that Dooley ought to hang for
his crime. This talk became so general
that Chief Brown has forbidden the
men from expressing their opinions
at all on the subject. If Mr. Mabry
should die from his wound, it is certain
that the members of the force will do
all in their power to have his murderer
brought to justice.

Dent's Case Dismissed.

The case against Will Dent for
assaulting Will Henry, the baseball
player, was dismissed yesterday by
Justice Howerton. Mr. Henry stated
that he wished to withdraw the warrant
and Dent was allowed to go free.

Mabry Somewhat Better.

Officer Mabry was somewhat improved
yesterday and his friends were more
hopeful. However his condition is still
very critical. Officer Tally has been
detained to stay with him, and every-
thing that can be done is being done to
save the officer's life.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION.

From the Shenando News.

Probably no legislative enactment
or proposed enactment in late years has
attracted more general attention than
that now being agitated for the appoint-
ment of a board of railroad commis-
sioners for the State of Virginia.

Just what advantage is to be derived
from the appointment of such a board
it is difficult to discern, but there is
virtually no limit to the mischief it
may accomplish.

The wonderful development which
has drawn the attention of the entire
country to Virginia during the past two
or three years is traceable directly to
the influence of our railroads. The
vast coal fields of the Southwest would
still be waste mountain lands had it
not been for the progressive policy of
the Norfolk and Western; the same is
true of the coal and iron territories
opened up by the Chesapeake and Ohio
and other roads in various portions of
the State. These roads have made pos-
sible the settlement of the State debt
by opening the way for the develop-
ment of our resources and the conse-
quent increase of the State's revenues.

Wherever their lines have been ex-
tended taxable values have increased
and the revenues of the State augmen-
ted, until we are now, for the first time
since our enormous debt was incurred,
in a situation to propose a settlement
with an absolute certainty of being able
to meet the interest thereon promptly
as it matures.

The present railroad laws of Virginia
are probably the most illiberal, with
one or two exceptions, of those of any
State in the Union, yet the present
movement is designed to hamper them
still further—to practically proclaim to
the world that Virginia wants no further
development; that she wants the moss
to grow over her industrial plants, the
grass to grow in her streets and ruin
and desolation to walk hand in hand
throughout the length and breadth of
the Old Dominion.

Instead of imposing still further re-
strictions on railroads built or to be
built within the State, it would be a far
better policy to abolish those already in
force, and thus open the way for the
further development of our resources.

We understand that one of the objects
sought to be obtained by the proposed
measure is the equalization of passenger
and freight rates on the various lines.
The friends of the measure claim this as
one of the most meritorious features of
the bill. If such be the case, why not
extend its beneficence? For instance,

there are large numbers of newspapers
published in the State, with subscrip-
tion rates varying from fifty cents to \$6
per year. Why not give us a board of
commissioners with unlimited powers? They
could then reduce all newspapers to
the fifty cent basis, adjust the wages
of the editor, compositor, pressman and
the devil, and also possibly indicate the
source from which the money could be
obtained to pay the same.

Then we need a board of farm product
commissioners. In Shenando, eggs are
selling at 25 cents a dozen, while in
Highland county, the same amount of
money buys twice as many eggs, and
this applies in about the same propor-
tion to all other classes of produce.

One farmer demands and receives \$1 a
bushel for his wheat, while his neigh-
bor probably sold for 95 cents. These
matters require regulating, and in order
to place all the farmers on an equal
footing we must have a commission to
compel all farmers to sell their prod-
ucts at a uniform price—the lowest of
course.

A general merchandise commission
should also be established, with power
to inflict dire punishment on any mer-
chant who would dare to charge 5 cents
a pound for sugar when some other mer-
chant, perhaps in an adjoining county,
was selling the same grade of sugar at
4½ cents.

The governor of Michigan receives a
salary of \$1,000 a year, while Virginia
pays for the same service \$5,000 per
year. We want a board of gubernatorial
salary commissioners at once to cut
out that useless expenditure of
\$4,000—to be sure, the salaries of the
board might aggregate from \$6,000 to
\$10,000, but look at the saving made in
the executive's salary.

This list might be extended indefi-
nitely, and any one of the suggestions
we have offered is just as sensible and
practicable as the one to establish the
railroad commission.

The gist of the whole matter seems
to be that a few broken down politicians
have discovered a plan for providing
themselves with a soft berth, and are
working it for all it is worth. What
we want in Virginia is fewer politicians
of this class and more railroads, and it
is to be hoped that our legislators will
see the absurdity of the scheme pro-
posed and defeat its passage.

For Breaking the Gate.

Charles Taylor, one of the drivers of
the Sands Transfer Company, was tried
before Justice Howerton yesterday for
driving against the Jefferson street
railroad gate and breaking it. Taylor
claimed that the back strap of his har-
ness broke and he was unable to stop
his horse. He was fined \$5 and costs,
and not being able to pay the money
was locked up. There is also another
charge against Taylor of resisting an
officer on the depot platform and he will
probably be tried for that to-day.

An Enjoyable Sociable.

A very enjoyable sociable was held at
the residence of Mrs. McFalls, on
Seventh avenue s. w., last night. Re-
freshments were served and dancing
was indulged in. Among those present
were the Misses Fannie McFalls, Lula
McFalls, Annie Kinsey, Ida Elliott,
Flora Lewis, Gussie Dayton, Lillie
Turner, Bertie Wade, Rosa Proffett,
Maud Proffett and Messrs. John F.
Brizzi, C. L. Thomason, W. E. Airheart,
J. M. Elliott, James Wright, John
Bladen, Thomas McFalls, Payne and
Stratton.

THE George Steck, Weber, Chase,
Jacob Bros., Everett and Cornet pianos
are well and favorably known in the
music world. The Smith Music Com-
pany have them.

AN INTERESTING EVENT.

The Christmas Entertainment of St. An-
drew's Sunday School.

The annual Christmas tree entertain-
ment and distribution of premiums of
the St. Andrew's Sunday-school was
held on Monday night, and like all pre-
vious occasions, was a grand success.
The spacious hall, which was nicely
decorated, was filled to overflowing, and
promptly at 9 o'clock the exercises were
opened with a grand chorus of fifteen
voices, entitled, "Christmas is Here,"
which was rendered in an excellent man-
ner, after which the following pro-
gramme was presented:

Address by the superintendent, Mr.
W. A. Carr.

Dialogue, Misses Fannie Brophy,
Regina Carr, Lucy Smith and Nellie
Morgan.

Instrumental duetto, Prof. Guerner
and Mrs. S. M. Brophy.

Recitation, "I am a Little Dutchman,"
Eddie Welsh.

Presentation of gold medal, by Rev.
J. W. Lynch.

Awarding of premiums.
Distribution of presents.

A visit by Santa Claus.

The exercises were concluded with a
grand hop, which was enjoyed by all.

Two much praise cannot be given the
management of the entertainment, and
they can always count on a crowded
house.

The medal was awarded to Miss Berta
Wrenn, who had attended school every
Sunday during the year, and was perfect
in her lessons and conduct. There were
a great many fine books awarded to the
best in each class.

The tree presented a handsome ap-
pearance and was covered with toys,
dolls and jewelry. There were about
250 bags of candy and fruit, and about
375 presents of all kinds.

Father Lynch received several hand-
some presents, one of which was from
the Sunday-school. W. A. Carr was the
recipient of many presents, among
which was a handsome diamond scarf
pin from Father Lynch, and a beautiful
gold watch charm from the teachers.

All who attended the entertainment
were delighted and all joined in wish-
ing every success to the St. Andrews
Sunday-school.

GERMAN AND HOP.

A Brilliant Social Event at Hotel Roan-
oke Last Night.

Entertainments of different character
have crowded into every night of the
holidays, but the one to which the eyes
of Roanoke's elite society have been
turned was the hop and german at
Hotel Roanoke last evening given by the
Roanoke German Club.

At 9 o'clock the dancing began and
was kept up till the hours of the morn-
ing. With music by the Machine Works
orchestra and Will Frye as leader the
affair passed off as pleasantly as any
could have wished.

There were present a number of
young ladies and gentlemen from neigh-
boring cities.

Among the dancers were: Miss Em-
ily Beck with Alex Gunn; Will Penn
with Miss Annie Penn; Mr. Parcault
with Miss Lulu Terry; Lee Simmons
with Miss Mattie Terry; Gooch Vaughn
and Miss Maggie Ott; O. Selwyn
Marston with Miss Tunstall; Dr. Hoff-
man and Miss Kellogg; John T. Trout
and Miss Bockock; of Charlottesville; J.
D. Lazell and Miss Yuille; Hugh Dick-
inson and Miss Daniel; Miss Fisher and
Miss Bickham; Mr. Waters and Miss
Thayer; Dr. Simmons and Miss Arm-
istead; Mr. Bowdry and Miss Simms;
Mr. Randolph and Mr. Fisher, of
Danville; Lawrence Clark and Miss
Harbison; Warren Velford and Miss
Humbert; Mr. Norvell, of Lynch-
burg, with Miss Collins; Charles
Starkey and Miss Penn; Mr. Sollenber-
ger and Miss Rogers; W. B. Moss and
Miss Langhorne; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh
Frye; Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Watts; Mr.
and Mrs. George Henderson; Mr. and
Mrs. Chas. Gallaher; Mr. and Mrs. J. B.
Levy; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel.

Among the stars were Charles Lyle,
H. W. Flournoy, Jr., Sydney Weisiger
and Thomas Goodwin.

LIQUOR AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

It is Now Understood That Liquor Will be
Sold on the Grounds.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—[Special]—Liquor
is to be sold at the World's Fair. It
was not known definitely until yester-
day that the directors had agreed on the
liquor programme. Secretary Crawford,
of the ways and means committee,
gave the first intimation of the plan.
He said his committee had decided to
allow the sale of liquor. The exposition
is to get a percentage of the gross
receipts realized. After he had volun-
teered this much Mr. Crawford declined
to talk further.

President Baker said it was prac-
tically decided months ago that liquor
should not be sold in saloons—nothing
of that kind—but it will be on sale in
restaurants. Director E. B. Butler,
acting chairman of the ways and means
committee in the absence of Mr. Hig-
ginbotham, said no final action had
been taken by his committee, but it was
understood by all members of the com-
mittee that liquor would be sold on the
grounds.

The reason for this action by the
directors as given by one of the board is
that an immense revenue can be de-
rived from the sale of the liquor priv-
ileges. The national commission is yet
to be consulted in the matter.

Director General Davis, when inter-
viewed, said: "The board of control has
power to veto anything that seems ob-
jectionable. It would certainly have
such power as regards the sale of liquor.
What it will do, however, is of course
a matter for the board to decide."

ASHWORTH ASSAULTED.

A Negro Whom He Had Arrested Tries to
Club Him.

Last night about 11 o'clock Officer
Ashworth was called to Bunker Hill to
quell a disturbance raised by some
negroes. He had arrested one negro
and started with him to the station-
house when the negro grabbed his
billy, wrenched it from his hand and
attempted to club the officer.

Ashworth drew his pistol and fired
two shots at the negro, who fled, but
neither took effect. He reported the
occurrence to headquarters and accom-
panied by Sergeant Jones went back to
look for the negro, but he had made
good his escape.

RADFORD.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.

Celebrated by Virginia May
Lodge.

ROANOKE TIMES BUREAU,

RADFORD, VA., Dec. 29.

On Monday evening, December 28,
Virginia May Lodge, No. 32, A. F. and
A. M., held its regular meeting to co-
operate the festival of St. John the Evan-
gelist, which came on Sunday. Two
candidates were raised to the sublime
degree of Master Mason, after which the
secretary, S. T. Sampson, in behalf of
Jas. Moffett, of Shokinah Lodge, No.
246, of Philadelphia, Pa., presented to
Virginia May Lodge, No. 32, a beautiful
artistic engraved walnut frame, with a
beautiful colored picture, demonstrating
the three degrees.

The frame is enriched with emblems
of the various degrees, also the working
tools. Mr. Sampson made the presenta-
tion speech.

Jas. Moffett, the donor, is a very en-
thusiastic Mason, and is an uncle of our
Jas. D. Moffett. In conclusion, he urged
the brethren to constantly practice
charity toward all mankind, and that
as Virginia May Lodge, No. 32, ranked
among the banner lodges of the State,
that it was only a matter of short dur-
ation when she would be recognized as
the banner lodge of Virginia.

S. D. Numan, the worshipful master,
then called upon A. R. Hefflin, who in
behalf of Virginia May Lodge, No. 32,
received the beautiful gift, and in re-
sponse said: That the university of
Masonry, represented by the two globes
which adorn these pillars, unite men
of every clime and sect, and in Masonry
their was neither north, south, east or
west, but a continuous friendship, com-
pared to a circle, without beginning or
end. In behalf of Virginia May Lodge,
he very kindly thanked the donor,
the same to be communicated by the
secretary of the lodge.

The junior warden then called the
craft to refreshments, which were served
at the Hoffman House (the leading
hotel in the city). The tables were
artistically arranged and loaded with all
the choice dishes of the season.

A HOLIDAY MUSICAL.

A Pleading Entertainment Given By the
King's Daughters.

The holiday musicale of the En-
deavor Circle of the King's Daughters
was held last night in the Sunday-
school room of the First Presbyterian
Church. The hall was artistically de-
corated in holly and mistletoe, and was
packed with the most cultured people
of the city. The programme was well
arranged, the young ladies looked lovely,
and in their performance they were at
their best. Every feature passed off
nicely, and the occasion was one of the
most pleasant of the holidays. A hu-
morous recitation by Miss Clare brought
the house down, and she won universal
admiration for her accurate delivery.

The following was the programme:

PART I.
Blow on Wild Gales.....Sherwill
Miss Cutchin, Mrs. Hines, Dr. Downs and Mr.
Jones.
Cornet and Piano.....
Mr. Lindsey and Miss Van Horn.

PART II.
Piano Solo.....Miss Van Horn.
A Bird From O'er the Sea.....White
Mrs. Kuykendall.
Recitation.....Miss Clare.
When I Think of Thee.....Murray
Mrs. Kuykendall, Mrs. Hines, Mr. Jones and Dr.
Downs.

Piano Solo—Valse Caprice No. 6 Des Pourcees
De Vienne.....Schubert—Liszt
Miss Van Horn.
Only Thee.....White
Miss Cutchin and Mrs. Kuykendall.

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XVI Century, from \$1.50 to \$10. A solid oak Book Case, hand
finished, only \$8.50. Parlor Cabinet, Writing Desk and Book
Case combined, \$19. Solid oak China Cabinet, with glass doors,
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ered in moquette, \$10. Single Lounges, \$5. Extra fine silk
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N. E. corner of Tenth avenue and Nelson street, 35x150
feet, \$2,500.

40x150 on east side of Nelson street, near Jos. W. Coxe,
\$2,500.

Beautiful lot in Lewis Addition, 50x130 feet, \$1,000.
Lot on Center street, 50x130, \$500, \$50 cash balance \$25
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Two 3-room houses for \$800 each.
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